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26 JULY 1966--S

(TEXT) HERE IS A REPORT ABOUT A VOICE RECORDING MADE BY  
CAPTAIN DAVID LOUIS HRDLICKA, A U.S. AGGRESSOR PILOT, WHOSE  
PLANE WAS SHOT DOWN AND WHO WAS CAPTURED ON EIGHTEEN 18  
MAY NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE 1965. HE ASKS HIS HIGHNESS PRINCE A  
SOUPHANOUVONG TO FREE HIM.

(RECORDING IN AMERICAN-ACCENTED ENGLISH FOLLOWS--ED.)

PRINCE SOUPHANOUVONG, PRESIDENT OF THE NED LAO HAK KAT AND  
VICE PREMIER OF THE LAOTIAN NATIONAL COALITION GOVERNMENT:

17296

THE MISTAKEN IMPRESSION THAT I WAS CUTTING OFF THE FLOW OF  
MEN AND SUPPLIES TO SOUTH VIETNAM. HOWEVER, NOW I CAN SEE THE  
SOUTH VIETNAM NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT FOR LIBERATION  
IS REALLY WITH THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH VIETNAM FIGHTING FOR THEIR  
LIBERATION AND FREEDOM, AS IS THE NEO LAO HAK XAT. (END OF  
ENGLISH-LANGUAGE VOICE RECORDING. TRANSLATION IN LAO  
FOLLOWS--ED.)

HE SAID: I REQUEST HIS HIGHNESS PRINCE SOUPHANOUVONG,  
PRESIDENT OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE NEO LAO HAK XAT  
AND VICE PREMIER OF THE TRIPARTITE NATIONAL COALITION  
GOVERNMENT, TO UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE HAD TIME TO THINK  
CAREFULLY AND TO REALIZE MY CRIMINAL ACTIONS AGAINST YOUR PEOPLE.

1930/6

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ON EIGHTEEN 18 MAY NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE 1965 I LEFT THE  
TA KHLI AIRBASE, THAILAND, AND AFTERWARD MY PLANE WAS SHOT  
DOWN BY THE LAOTIAN PEOPLE'S LIBERATION ARMED FORCES OF THE  
NEO LAO HAK XAT AS I WAS BOMBING A CERTAIN AREA IN THE REGIONS  
CONTROLLED BY THE NEO LAO HAK XAT. AS I WAS BOMBING,  
I MISTAKENLY THOUGHT THAT I WAS DOING IT TO CUT OFF THE FLOW  
OF ARMS SUPPLIES AND TROOPS TO SOUTH VIETNAM. HOWEVER, I  
HAVE NOW RECOGNIZED THAT THE LIBERATION FRONT OF SOUTH VIETNAM  
IS REALLY THE PEOPLE OF VIETNAM, WHO ARE WAGING A STRUGGLE  
TO LIBERATE THEIR NATION AND TO WIN FREEDOM. THE LIBERATION  
FRONT OF SOUTH VIETNAM IS LIKE THE NEO LAO HAK XAT.

NOW I HAVE UNDERSTOOD AND HAVE BECOME FAMILIAR WITH  
EVERYTHING ABOUT THE NEO LAO HAK XAT OF YOUR HIGHNESS IN ITS  
FIGHT TO PRESERVE THE PEACE, NEUTRALITY, SOVEREIGNTY,  
INDEPENDENCE, UNITY, AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF LAOS.  
THE NEO LAO HAK XAT HAS TRIED TO SAFEGUARD THE GENEVA ACCORDS  
OF NINETEEN SIXTYTWO 1962 ON LAOS; WHEREAS, THE UNITED STATES  
AND THAILAND, WHICH SIGNED THE NINETEEN SIXTYTWO 1962  
GENEVA ACCORDS ON LAOS, ARE TRAMPLING UPON THESE ACCORDS.  
FORMATIONS OF U.S. JETS FROM THEIR AIRBASES IN THAILAND,  
HAVE UNLEASHED ATTACKS ON THE FREE AREAS OF LAOS.

17496

... REQUESTING YOU TO FREE ME, U.S. PLANES FLY  
OVERHEAD TO BOMB THE FREE AREAS OF LAOS DAY AND NIGHT.  
THROUGHOUT HISTORY MILITARY AGGRESSORS HAVE NEVER BEEN ABLE  
TO CONQUER GERRILLAS. OUR NATION WILL HAVE TO REALIZE THIS,  
FOR THIS HAS SHOWN THAT YOUR COUNTRY IS FIGHTING A BATTLE  
FOR ITS INDEPENDENCE. THE LAOTIAN PROBLEM MUST BE RESOLVED  
BY YOUR PEOPLE BY MEANS OF NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO  
PARTIES CONCERNED.

FOR THE PAST YEAR I HAVE ALWAYS MET WITH GOOD TREATMENT  
FROM YOUR PEOPLE. YOU NURSES HAVE TAKEN CARE OF ME AND  
HAVE SAVED MY LIFE. THEY HAVE GIVEN ME MEDICINE AND SPECIAL  
FOOD. AS A CHILD I WANTED TO BE A PILOT, AND WHEN  
I GREW UP I BECAME A PILOT. NOW I REGRET THAT I USED MY  
STRENGTH TO WAGE AN AGGRESSIVE AND DESTRUCTIVE WAR. WHAT  
MAKES ME VERY SAD IS THAT I AM VERY FAR FROM MY DEAR WIFE AND  
MY THREE LITTLE CHILDREN. I HAVE ALWAYS HOPED TO RETURN  
TO MY FAMILY AND LIVE WITH MY WIFE AND MY CHILDREN. SURELY  
I WILL BE ABLE TO TELL MY WIFE THE STORY OF A FAMOUS MAN  
NAMED "PRINCE SOUPHANNOUVONG," WHO FORGAVE ME SO MUCH.

1950/6

BEG YOUR HIGHNESS TO BE STILL MORE KIND AND TO FREE ME,  
SO THAT I CAN REJOIN MY WIFE AND CHILDREN. EVEN IF I HAVE  
COMMITTED CRIMINAL ACTIONS AGAINST THE LAOTIAN PEOPLE OF YOUR  
HIGHNESS, I ASK YOU ONCE MORE TO PARDON ME AND FREE ME,  
SO THAT I MAY GO BACK TO MY CHILDREN, MY WIFE, AND MY FAMILY.  
I OPPOSE AND PROTEST THE AGGRESSIVE WAR POLICY OF THE U.S.  
GOVERNMENT IN INDOSINA, ESPECIALLY ON THE TERRITORY OF YOUR  
COUNTRY. 260415 [REDACTED] 262900Z JULY

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